

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A food information management system comprising:

a food processing plant for producing and shipping food packages, each including processed food and an information storage medium comprising an RF-ID tag,

a food database kept in a food information center and storing pieces of food information classified by food identification information;

information storage mediums each comprising an RF-ID tag and incorporated into a food and storing at least food ID information specifying the food;

a read means capable of reading the food ID information from the information storage medium and sending the food ID information to the food information center;

an output means capable of receiving food information from the food information center; and

a display means capable of displaying food information about a food;

wherein (1) the food information center retrieves food information about a food specified by food ID information given thereto by the read means and sends the same to the output means, (2) the read means and the output means are incorporated into a cooking device, and (3) the display means is connected to the output means.

2. (Original) The food information management system according to claim 1, wherein

the food information stored in the food database includes cooking conditions for cooking foods, and nutritive ingredients, energy-producing values and weight of foods.

3. (Original) The food information management system according to claim 1, wherein

the food information stored in the food database includes nutritive ingredients, forbidden ingredients, energy-producing values and weight of foods.

4. to 6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) The food information management system according to claim 1, wherein

the read means and the output means are linked to the food database by the Internet.

8. to 12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A food information management system comprising:

a food processing plant for producing and shipping food packages, each including processed food and an information storage medium comprising an RF-ID tag,

a food database kept in a food information center and storing pieces of food information classified by food identification information;

information storage mediums each comprising an RF-ID tag and incorporated into a food and storing at least food ID information specifying the food;

a read means capable of reading the food ID information from the information storage medium and sending the food ID information to the food information center;

an output means capable of receiving food information from the food information center; and

a display means capable of displaying information about a food;

wherein (1) the food information center retrieves food information about a food specified by food ID information given thereto by the read means and sends the same to the output means, (2) the read means and the output means are incorporated into a refrigerator, and (3) the display means is connected to the output means.

14. (Previously Presented) The food information management system according to claim 13, wherein

the food information stored in the food database includes cooking conditions for cooking foods, and nutritive ingredients, energy-producing values and weight of foods.

15. (Previously Presented) The food information management system according to claim 13, wherein

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the food information stored in the food database includes nutritive ingredients, forbidden ingredients, energy-producing values and weight of foods.

16. (Previously Presented) The food information management system according to claim 13, wherein

the read means and the output means are linked to the food database by the Internet.

17. to 21. (Canceled)